

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

WADOOD HAMAD ET AL

Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 09/522,359

Examiner: L. Ferguson

Filed : March 9, 2000

For : ENGINEERED CRACK RESISTANT PAPER AND BOARD

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 15, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-15;

Please rewrite claim 4 to address the objection to the claim, a clean copy of the claim and a marked-up copy of the claim is attached.

Remarks

Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims 9-15 and has rewritten claim 4 to address the objection to the claim based upon what appears to have been a typographical error.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1 and 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Caldwell '792 in view of Conforti et al '819, applicant respectfully traverses the refusal and requests reconsideration of same. Our patent application and the invention contained therein addresses a distinctly novel procedure for reinforcing fiber networks (paper and board) through the application of a discontinuous polymer film in a pre-specified geometric formation. The geometric pattern applied penetrates, upon application, through the network

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